

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 are pending in the application. Claims 2-3 have been allowed, Claims 4-6 have been added, leaving Claims 1 and 4-6 for further consideration upon entry of the present amendment.

Support for new Claims 4-6 can at least be found in allowed Claims 2-3.

No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Reconsideration and allowance of the entire case is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,235,253 to Sato. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

To anticipate a claim, a reference must disclose each and every element of the claim. *Lewmar Marine v. Varient Inc.*, 3 U.S.P.Q.2d 1766 (Fed. Cir. 1987).

Claim 1 is directed to an active matrix type electroluminescence display device comprising, *inter alia*, the following element: "a constant voltage is supplied from both ends of said capacitance lines".

In contrast to Applicants' claimed invention, Sato teaches that "power supply Va is coupled to one end of the El element C_{EL} and one end of the capacitor Cs is connected to the ground level." (See Fig 2; and Col. 2, lines 4-6). In other words, Sato is teaching that power is supplied at one end and sent to ground. In making the rejection, it appears that the Examiner is suggesting that the "ground level" is supplying power, which is not the case. Rather, voltage (Va) is being supplied only at one end of the capacitance lines. As such, absent in this reference is any teaching that a constant voltage is supplied from both ends of the capacitance lines. Since Sato at least fails to teach that a constant voltage is supplied from both ends of the capacitance lines, Sato fails to teach each and every element of Applicants' independent Claim 1. Accordingly, independent Claim 1 is not anticipated and is allowable over Sato.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the entire case is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is

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cordially requested to telephone the undersigned.

In the event the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks deems additional fees to be due in connection with this application, Applicants' attorney hereby authorizes that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

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